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Mr. Jon Craig, Director
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Dear Mr. Craig:

I am writing in response to your letter dated December 17, 2007, in which you requested an extension for submitting your drinking water primacy program revision application under the Safe Drinking Water Act for the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 2 DBPR) and the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2), which were published in the *Federal Register* January 4, 2006 and January 5, 2006, respectively.

Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), Section 142.12 (b), requires that State program revision requests to adopt revised Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations must be submitted to the EPA Administrator no later than two years after promulgation of such regulations. This paragraph also allows for up to a two-year extension to submit the primacy program revisions, provided the request is made before the expiration of the two-year period. The Administrator has delegated the approval of extension requests to the Regional Administrator.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 142.12 (b), certain requirements must be met in order for an extension request to be granted. EPA understands that:

- The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) currently lacks the program capabilities adequate to implement the new or revised requirements pursuant to 40 CFR 142.12 (b) (2) (i) (B);
- Plans to submit the Stage 2 DBPR and LT2 final primacy revision application(s) to EPA by January 4, 2010 as resources become available; and
- Agrees to comply with the 40 CFR 142.12 (b) (3) provisions as required, if the extension is granted.

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Dear Mr. Craig:

Thank you for your letter of December 17, 2007, in which you requested an extension for submitting your drinking water primacy program revision under the Safe Drinking Water Act for the Stage 2 Disinfection and Disinfectants Byproducts Rule (DBPR) and the Long Term 2 (LT2) Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) understands the following circumstances exist for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ): ODEQ lacks the program capabilities to implement the new or revised Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requirements; ODEQ plans to submit the Stage 2 DBPR and LT2 final primacy revision application to EPA by January 4, 2010, as resources become available; and ODEQ agrees to comply with CFR provisions as required.

I grant your request for a two-year extension with the understanding that ODEQ will continue to work with EPA to obtain full primacy for the Stage 2 DBPR and the LT2.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, you may contact Miguel Flores at (214) 665-7101 or Larry D. Wright at (214) 665-7150.

Sincerely yours,

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